

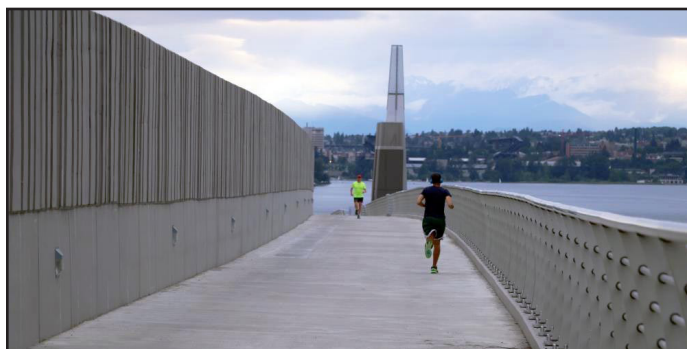
SR 520 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND HOV PROGRAM



Improving bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the SR 520 corridor

The Washington State Department of Transportation is committed to improving connectivity, access and safety in the SR 520 corridor for all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. The SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program will create a safer and more reliable SR 520 from I-5 in Seattle to I-405 on the Eastside.

As part of these improvements, we are building a dedicated path for bicyclists and pedestrians. The path stretches across Lake Washington with access to existing local and regional trails.



Runners enjoy the new SR 520 regional shared-use path, now open from Bellevue to the middle of Lake Washington.



The regional shared-use path will offer bicyclists and pedestrians connections to Seattle trails when it reaches Montlake in late 2017.

A scenic, nonmotorized way across Lake Washington

The new floating bridge and west approach bridge will include a separated 14-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian path on the north side of the structures, connecting nonmotorized travelers to and from Seattle and the Eastside. Bicyclists and pedestrians don't pay a toll to cross the bridge.

The path has scenic viewpoints and resting areas on the lake for bikers, joggers and walkers. Bicyclists may notice steel-plate covers over the bridges expansion joints as they are traveling on the path. These plates are necessary for the safety of path users and the structural integrity of the bridge. Bicyclists and pedestrians will see a sign at the head of the path and paint on the largest covers alerting them of the plates.

Regional path's connections to existing trails

The new path is providing new recreation and commuting options for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the SR 520 corridor.

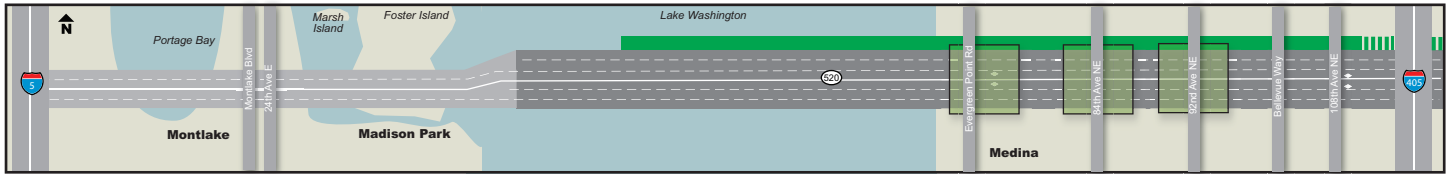
When fully built, the new bicycle and pedestrian path will connect to local and regional trails, including:

- Points Loop Trail
- Burke-Gilman Trail
- Washington Park Arboretum Waterfront Trail
- Bill Dawson Trail
- Existing SR 520 Trail east of I-405

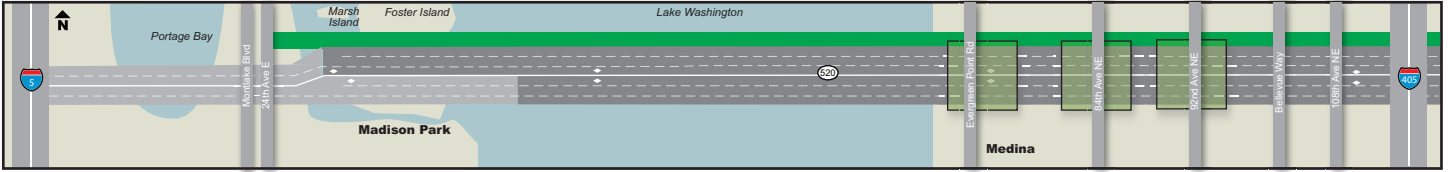
The path will also provide new connections to nearby transit hubs and regional institutions.

Opening the new bicycle/pedestrian path in phases

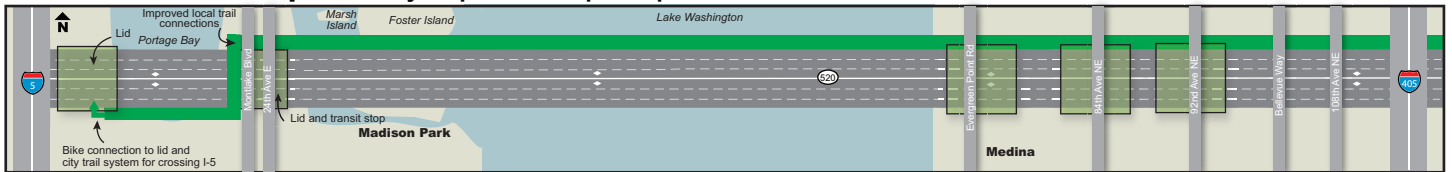
Summer 2016: Floating bridge open to traffic - Bicycle/pedestrian path extended to the west end of the floating bridge



Late Fall 2017: West Approach Bridge North open to traffic - Bicycle/pedestrian path open to Montlake area



With full corridor complete: Bicycle/pedestrian path open to Roanoke / I-5 area



Old structure New structure Bicycle/pedestrian path Future bike lane connection (city of Bellevue)

Eastside connections

In early 2015, WSDOT opened the first section of the new path – between Evergreen Point Road in Medina and 108th Avenue Northeast in Bellevue.

In summer 2016, WSDOT opened the path onto the floating bridge, making it an out-and-back trail from Medina that extends partway across the lake. WSDOT also partnered with the city of Bellevue to extend the path from 108th Avenue Northeast to the existing SR 520 trail east of I-405.

Upcoming westside connections

The West Approach Bridge North opened to traffic in August 2017. In late fall 2017, the new regional path is expected to extend across Lake Washington to the Montlake interchange in Seattle. The path will also connect to local trails in Seattle, such as the Burke-Gilman and the Washington Park Arboretum Waterfront Trail. Later, when the SR 520 improvements from I-5 to Lake Washington are completed, the path will further extend from Montlake to I-5.

Partnerships

To inform their decision about how to connect the bicycle/pedestrian to local trails and extend the path to I-5, WSDOT consulted with bicycle and pedestrian stakeholder groups such as Cascade Bicycle Club, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, and Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board.

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